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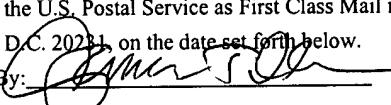
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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time, from January 11, 2001 up to and including April 11, 2001, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for filing a response to the Office Action dated October 11, 2000 in the above-identified application.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$445.00 for this extension fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge and underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to our Deposit Account No. 06-1448.

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